by Government and each Ministry in this direction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a), (b) and (d) Government have decided that foreign tours of Ministers as well as senior officials will be substantially reduced in the current financial year. Instructions have been issued to all Ministries/Departments that the expenditure on foreign travel during 1990-91 should be limited to 75% of the actual expenditure in 1989-90 or current year's budget provision, whichever is less. The Ministries/Departments have been advised to ensure compliance of these instructions.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Exploitation of Rock Phosphate in the country**

365. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether rock phosphate in large quantity is available in the East Khasi Hills and Jaintia Hills of Meghalaya;

(b) what are the names of other places in India where this mineral has been found; and

(c) whether Government have formulated plans for exploiting the rock phosphate in Meghalaya?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Rock Phosphate is available in the East Khasi Hills and Jaintia Hills of Meghalaya, though not in large quantity.

(b) The names of other major rock phosphate bearing areas in the country are:

Amjhal-Rambhapara-Meghnagar belt in Jhabua district and Hirapur in Sagar district of Madhya Pradesh; Achrat-Adhuka-Andwari area in Jaipur and Alwar district, Birmania in Jaisalmer district and Dhakankatra, Jhamarkatra, Kanpur, Khanbaria Ka-Guda, Maton, Neemuch Matya in Udaipur district of Rajasthan and Maldeota, Durmala and other areas in Mussorie Syncline and near Mussorie in Dehradun and Tehri districts and Berwar Block and Pionori-Tori area in Lalitpur district of Uttar Pradesh.

(c) No, Sir.

**Export of Coal to Bangladesh from Meghalaya**

366. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether export of coal to Bangladesh from Meghalaya has been decanalised;

(b) whether the experiment has proved a success;

(c) what is the total quantum of coal exported so far and the foreign exchange earned thereby; and

(d) what is the quantum of coal to be exported to Bangladesh from Meghalaya in near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SRIDHARAN): (a) While export of coal is canalised through Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India Limited (MMTC), Government has permitted Meghalaya Mineral Development Corporation (MMDC) to export coal of Meghalaya origin directly to Bangladesh.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Total quantum of coal of Meghalaya origin exported by MMTC and MMDC during 1989-90 was 39,062 tonnes valued at Rs. 3.66 crores.

(d) MMDC has targetted to export about one lakh tonnes of coal of Meghalaya origin during 1990-91.